

Environmental Statement of the JSSS

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Jungian Society for Scholarly Studies: Our Ecological Spirit

*Whether that is our own psyche or the psyche of the universe we don't know,
but if one touches the earth one cannot avoid the spirit.*

Carl Jung, *The Vision Seminars*: 1931, p459

The Jungian Society for Scholarly Studies (JSSS) is devoted to studying and interpreting the work of Carl Jung and it follows that its relationship with the natural world is unfolding and embodied. As a Society and as individuals we pledge to keep in mind the complexities and richness of the psychological relationship we have with the Earth. As the pattern of individuation unfolds in our personal lives so too as a Society we seek to grow and individuate, acknowledging our psychological indebtedness to the spirit of all life and to the non-human world.

Jung writes, 'Natural life is the nourishing soil of the soul' (1949, *CW* 8, para. 800). Honouring that spirit the JSSS strives to balance tangible ecological measures with psychological outreach. In so doing, it seeks to create a Jungian approach to our psyche-based relationship with the world. Specifically, the JSSS undertakes to:

- Offset the carbon footprint of our annual gatherings through the United Nations Carbon offset platform: <https://offset.climateneutralnow.org> or similar;
- Ensure catering for our conferences is as local and sustainable as is feasible;
- Guarantee the Society facilitates recycling and composting of conference materials if available;
- Discuss our environmental responsibilities at both the Executive Board Meeting and also the annual Members' Board Meeting.

The ecological mission of JSSS includes safeguarding nature, combatting climate change and offsetting waste and pollution. The Society seeks to be rooted in the nourishing soil of the psyche as a means to connect to the natural environment. It encourages all its members when attending a JSSS conference, and in their lives as a whole, to enrich our human communities as we respect the land and those who walked it before us.

Members of the JSSS are asked to:

- Reflect on their ecological relationship with the natural world;
- Take personal responsibility for individual carbon footprints;
- Be sensitive to food production and consumption and its environmental impacts;
- Explore imaginative ecological solutions regarding the restoration of earth-based justice;
- Keep in mind psyche as an embodiment of nature in our shared interactions and discussions.

To honour Jung's communion with the earth, we encourage individuals to extend both themselves and Jungian scholarship in relationship to the environment. Whether in personal therapy, active imagination, a dream, or reverie, relating to the land as an animated and animating being extends Jungian scholarship as a relationship with nature in service of psyche.